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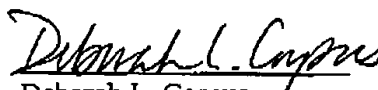
REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-15, 17, 18, 38, and 39 are currently pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 17, 18, and 38 have been amended herein to clarify at least one aspect of the present invention. Support for the amendments may be found in the subject application, for example, on p. 4, 2nd paragraph; p. 6, 1st full paragraph; and on p. 8.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments. If any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 17, 18, and 38 in the manner indicated below.

1. (Three times amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves having a length and a width arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves being sized to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:

(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;

(iii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and

(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of a successive, adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the upper non-adhesive surface of the adjacent leaf is exposed to become a new outer surface of the stack; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing second surface comprising a mounting adhesive applied thereon, the mounting adhesive being of sufficient strength to prevent lifting of the stack during removal of individual leaves.

17. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said [covering] stack of leaves is precut to correspond to dimensions of a specific surface to be covered for conformal application

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thereon to the surface, the surface comprising any one of a shelf, a wall, a table, a floor, a drawer, a crib, a countertop and a toilet seat.

18. (Three times amended) A multi-layer surface covering comprising:
a plurality of leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves being sized to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the stack of said leaves comprising:
- (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - (i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
 - (ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
 - (iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to a substantial portion of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and
 - (b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower adhesive surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing lower surface comprising a mounting adhesive layer applied thereon, the mounting adhesive layer having greater adhesive strength than the adhesive strength of the leaf adhesive.

38. (Three times amended) A surface cover comprising:
two or more leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves being sized to conformally cover an entire exposed surface, the stack of said leaves comprising:
- (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - (i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer

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surface;

(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and

(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower non-adhesive surface.